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REDUCTION IN ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has set a target of 500 million telecom subscribers by 2010;

(b)if so, whether the Government proposes to reduce the allocation of spectrum and reduction in duties;

(c)if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether the Government proposes to make use of or allocating to private operators the 42.5 MPz of 3G spectra may be vacated by defence service by July, 2007; and

(e)if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c)Spectrum allocation has not been reduced. A committee has been constituted to study the present structure of levies and make suitable recommendations to the Government.

(d)&(e)Defence services have been requested to release spectrum for unimpeded growth of public mobile telecom services by shifting of certain Defence wireless links between fixed locations to alternate media like Optical Fibre Cable (OFC).